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Dear Mr. Manis,

Audit Report for Hong Kong
February 18-22, 2000

Thank you for your letter of 28 September 2000.

2. We have the following comments regarding the auditor's report:

- (i) Noncompliance Record for the establishment U-1 (Convenience Foods International Limited) has been implemented by this Department since May 2000.
- (ii) Pre-shipment Reviews of associated records have been conducted by the management of Establishment U-1 since May 2000.
- (iii) The interval for analyzing intra-laboratory check samples has been changed to once every three months for all classes of residue including PCBs with effect from June 2000.

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- (iv) The minimum detection level for DES and other hormones would be reduced to 1 ppb starting early 2001.
- (v) The quoted recoveries of 68-97% for lead referred to a wide range of food matrices. The recoveries for poultry and meat samples were in fact greater than 80%. For quantitative analysis of sulfonamide residue specified in an in-house analytical method, the recoveries for eight common sulfonamides are greater than 70%.
- (vi) Government Laboratory does not perform routine microbiological testing of final products for *Listeria monocytogenes*. In fact, test for *Listeria monocytogenes* is performed by the Pathological Institute of the Department of Health.
- (vii) Mr. S.Y. Kwan and Dr. K.Y. Chui did not attend the exit meeting held on 22 February 2000.

Yours sincerely,



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